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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

HM & FW Department - Implementation of Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act 1994 and Rules 1996 - Reconstitution of District and Sub-District Level Multi-Member Appropriate Authorities and Advisory Committees under the provisions of the Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal diagnostic techniques (prohibition of sex selection) Act, 1994 - Orders – Issued.

HEALTH, MEDICAL AND FAMILY WELFARE (E2) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms. No.02 **Dated:11.01.2022**

Read the following:

1. G.O.Ms.No.280, HM & FW(D1) Department, dt.10.07.2001.
2. G.O.Ms.No.309, HM & FW(D1) Department, dt.03.12.2012.
3. From the Commissioner, Health & Family Welfare/ Chairperson, Multi Member State Appropriate Authority (PC & PNDT) O/o CHFW, A.P., Gollapudi, Vijayawada Lr.Rc. No.0449/PC&PNDT/ 2011-2019, dt.06.12.2019, dt.21-12-2020 & report in e_file computer No.982578, dt.10.10.2021.

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ORDER:

In the G.O. 1st read above, orders were issued for appointment of Appropriate Authorities and for Constitution of Advisory Committees as required under the provisions of Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act 1994 in the Combined State and subsequently reconstituted through G.O. 2nd read above.

2. In the circumstances reported by the Commissioner of Health & Family Welfare, A.P., Mangalagiri, Guntur District in the reference 3rd read above and after careful examination of the matter, Government hereby decided to reconstitute the District and Sub-District Level Multi-Member Appropriate Authorities and Advisory Committees for effective implementation of pre-conception and pre-Natal diagnostic techniques Act, 1994.

3. The Commissioner of Health and Family Welfare, A.P., Mangalagiri shall take further necessary action in the matter.

4. Accordingly, the following notifications will be published in the extraordinary issue of A.P. Gazette dated.11.01.2022:

NOTIFICATION -I

In exercise of the powers conferred under sub-section (2) of Section 17 of Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act 1994 (central Act No.57 of 1994) and Rules 1996, the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby reconstitute the following District and

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Sub-District Level Multi-Member Appropriate Authorities for the purpose of said Act:

1) District Level Multi Member Appropriate Authorities:

A) Structure:

S.No.	Particulars	Designation as per Act
1	The Joint Collector (V,WS & Development)	Chairperson / Chairman
2	The District Medical & Health Officer	Member Secretary / Convener
3	The Additional District Judge nominated by the District Judge	Member
4	The Superintendent of Police	Member
5	Eminent NGO to be nominated by the Collector & District Magistrate	Member

B) Functions :

Under section sub-section(4) of Section 17 of PC&PNDT Act, the Multi Member Appropriate Authority have following functions:

a) To grant, suspend or cancel registration of the Genetic Counselling Centre, Genetic Laboratory or Genetic Clinic etc.
b) To enforce standards prescribed for Genetic Counselling Centre Genetic Laboratory or Genetic Clinic etc.,
c) To investigate complaints of breach of the provision of the Act or the rules made there under and to take immediate action;
d) To seek and consider the advice of the Advisory Committee constituted under sub section (5), on application for registration and on complaints for suspension or cancellation of registration.
e) To take appropriate legal action against the use of any sex selection techniques by any person at any place, sue-motu or brought to its notice and also to initiate independent investigations in such matter.
f) To create public awareness against the practice of sex selection or pre-natal determination of sex;
g) To supervise the implementation of the provisions of the Act and Rules in their jurisdiction;
h) To recommend to the Board(Central Supervisory Board) and State Board modification required in the rules in accordance with changes in technology or social conditions;
i) To take action on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee made after investigation of complaint for suspension or cancellation of registration.
j) In addition to above, any other functions as specified by the Central Supervisory Board, State Supervisory Board, State Appropriate Authority; competent courts or any other competent authority. Keeping in view of the significance of the matter and it is being public welfare and public interest programme (under the "save the girl child norm"), the District Appropriate Authority for PC&PNDT Act shall be concentrate personally on the implementation of the programme in his/her jurisdiction. It is advised not to delegate the po*wers* /authorization to any other officers Even though, if any special circumstances arises, to delegate the pow*ers*/authorization to any other officer for the purpose, the final authority and disposal should be the District Appropriate Author*ity* / Collector & District Magistrate of District concerned.

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k. Under Sub-rule(2) of Rule 5, the application fee shall be paid by a Demand Draft drawn in favour of the Appropriate Authority on any scheduled Bank (preferably Nationalized Bank) payable at the head - quarters of the Appropriate Authority concerned. The fee collected by the Appropriate Authorities for registration of Genetic Counselling Centre, Genetic Laboratory, Genetic clinics, Ultrasound Clinic and Imaging Centre or any other body or person under sub rule (1), shall be deposited by the Appropriate Authority concerned in a bank account opened in the name of the official designation of the Appropriate Authority concerned and shall be utilized by the Appropriate Authority connection with the activities connected with implementation.

c) <u>Terms and Conditions:</u>

1. The Appropriate Authority shall meet once in two months.
2. Even though the intervening period or each meeting shall be once in two months, depending upon the situation, necessity and during emergency arises, the special meeting shall be convened by the authority;
3. Whenever the Chairperson/chairman feels that convene of Appropriate Authority meeting may be essential and depending upon the necessity or in any case of emergency situation special meeting may also be convened. The Authority can co-opt / invitees representatives of Women Development & Child Welfare, Education, Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Departments etc., for the meeting convened by the Chairman/ Chairperson, District Level Multi Member Authority.
4. The term of the Appropriate Authority in case of other than ex-officio member (non-official member) (Sl. No. 5) will be 3 (three years).
5. The remaining appropriate authorities i.e., officials Sl. No. 1 to 4 i.e. Chairman and other officers will be permanent and unchanged authority.
6. The reconstitution of Multi-Member Appropriate Authority will be done by the State Supervisory Board/ Government on the basis of recommendation of the Chairperson /State Level Multi Member Appropriate Authority for PC&PNDT Act, District concerned through Chairperson/Chairman, State Level Multi Member Appropriate Authority.
7. To extend assistance to the teams, committees, officials deputed by the State Appropriate Authority in their jurisdiction with the help of Member Secretary, DM&HO concerned and their supporting officer/ staff.
8. The Chairperson / Chairman, District Level Multi Member Appropriate Authority can depute, authorize any person for any purpose connecting with the implementation of the Act, as per existing provisions and rules of the Act.
9. Press releases / news articles may be issued on implementation of PC&PNDT Act once in month.
10. At least 10% of each of survey, inspection, search & seizure respectively should be done every month from the available total number of registered facilities available under the Act in the District by the District Appropriate Authority in every month, without fail with the help of the DM&HO (Member Secretary / Convener of District Level Multi Member Appropriate Authority) and their supporting staff concerned.

11. Any other assignment as specified by the Government of India, Central Supervisory Board, State Government, State Supervisory Board for effective implementation of the Act and Rules in the State/District.

12. Under sub-rule (2) of Rule 5 under the PC&PNDT (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Rules 1996, the account shall be opened in the any Nationalized Bank only in the Head Quarters and shall be hold/ operated jointly in the official name of the Chairperson / Chairman, District Level Multi Member Appropriate Authority (PC&PNDT)/ Collector &Dist. Magistrate and the Member Secretary/ Convener, District Multi Member Appropriate Authority; District Medical & Health Officer concerned.

13. The usage of said funds may be as under:

i. To conduct, District and Sub-District Level Appropriate and Advisory Committee meetings, and their related expenditure such as preparation of information, material, any other as approved by the District Advisory Committee.

ii. Public awareness campaigns/ meetings expenses i.e., preparation and printing of booklets, pamphlets, broachers, usage of public addressing system, exhibition of slides, clippings, cultural activities, depending upon the nature of expenditure; booking of venue if necessary, refreshments as beyond limit, the administrative sanction or proposal to release of such amount by the State Appropriate Authority is most essential. The miscellaneous expenses may also be incurred maximum of Rs.3000/- per quarter.

iii. The administrative expenditure for implementation of the Act and Rules in the District only may be prefer to meet unless sufficient funds available under PC&PNDT Act.

iv. Any other requirements as the District Advisory Committee may be guided and sanctioned depending upon the local needs. For the purpose, as prescribed by the Central Supervisory Board, Government of India, State Supervisory Board, State Appropriate Authority or any other competent authority.

v. No diversification of funds/tapping of fund under PC&PNDT Act should not be allowed. If any such diversification of funds / tapping of funds already committed earlier, the same should be regularized / reimbursed immediately.

vi. While making any expenditure it is noticed that the generation of funds in the subject is very limited. i.e., through registration and renewal fee only. The generation of such funds will be once in 5 years only. The amount should be adjusted till 5 years,. Unless additional generation of funds undertaken through imposing of fines; penalties etc, duly making effective survey, inspection; search & seizure and closure down the institute etc. No other sources are available to generate funds. Hence, when any expenditure proposed the said points may be considered and optimum rationalization and essentiality may be kept in view.

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2) SUB-DISTRICT LEVEL MULTI-MEMBER APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES

A) STRUCTURE:

S.No.	Particulars	Designation as per Act
1	Revenue Division Officer (to be nominated by the Collector & District Magistrate	Chairperson / Chairman
2	The Programme Officer in the O/o District Medical & Health Officer concerned (G. O. Rt. No. 740; HM&FW (D1) Dept; Dated 07.07.2001	Member Secretary / Convener
3	The representative under category of Legal expert to be nominated Member by the District Judge / Collector & District Magistrate	Member
4	The representative from Police Department, to be nominated by the Superintendent of Police	Member
5	Eminent NGO to be nominated by the Collector & District Magistrate	Member

(B) FUNCTIONS:

a. To extend assistance to the District Level Multi-Member Appropriate Authority on the following, with the help of Member Secretary / Convener of the Sub-District Level Multi Member Appropriate Authority.
b. To grant, suspend or cancel registration all registered premises under the Act in their jurisdiction,
c. To enforce standards prescribed for all registered premises under the Act.
d. To investigate complaints of breach of the provision of the Act or the rules made there under and to take immediate action against violators of the Act and Rules as directed by the District and State Level Multi-Member Authority; Government of India, Central Supervisory Board, State Supervisory Board and other competent authority under the Act.
e. To seek and consider the advice of the Advisory Committee constituted under sub section (5), on application for registration and on complaints for suspension or cancellation of registration
f. To take appropriate legal action against the use of any sex selection techniques by any person at any place, sue-motto or brought to its notice and also to initiate independent investigations in such matter.
g. To create public awareness against the practice of sex selection or pre-natal determination of sex;, Action Plans, Budget Proposals, reports, lists, and other periodicals shall be prepared with the help of Member Secretary of the Sub-District Level Multi-Member Appropriate Authority and their sub- ordinate officers and staff available.
h. To supervise the implementation of the provisions of the Act and Rules.
i. To recommend to the Board and State Boards modification required in the rules in accordance with changes in technology or social conditions;
j. To take action on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee made after investigation of complaint for suspension or cancellation of registration.

k. In addition to above, any other function as specified by the Government of India, Central Supervisory Board, State Supervisory Board, State Appropriate Authority; competent court or any other competent authority.

(C) TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

1. The Sub-District Appropriate Authority shall meet at least once in two months.
2. Even though the intervening period of each meeting shall be once in two months, depending upon the situation, necessity and during emergency the special meeting shall be convened by the authority.
3. Whenever the Chairperson/ Chairman feel that convene of Appropriate Authority meeting may be essential and depending upon the necessity or in any case of emergency situation special meeting may also be convened. The Authority can co-opt / invitees representatives Women Development & Child Welfare, Education, Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Departments etc., for the meeting convened by the Chairman / Chairperson, District Level Multi-Member Authority.
4. The term of the Appropriate Authority i.e. nominated non-official member at SL.No.5 will be 3 (three years)
5. The remaining appropriate authorities i.e. officials will be permanent and unchanged authority.
6. The reconstitution of Sub-District Multi-Member Appropriate Authority will be done by the State Supervisory Board / Government on the basis of recommendation of the Chairperson/Chairman, District Level Multi-Member Appropriate Authority for the Pre Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques Act, 1994 concerned.
7. To extend assistance to the teams, committees, officials deputed by the State and District Appropriate Authority in their jurisdiction with the help of Member Secretary of Sub-District Level Multi-Member Appropriate Authority concerned.
8. The Chairman / Chairperson, State and District Level Multi-Member! Appropriate Authority can depute, authorize any person for any purpose connecting with the implementation of the Act, as per existing provisions and rules of the Act.
9. Press releases / news articles etc may be issued on implementation of the Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques Act, 1994 once in month.
10. Any other assignment as specified by the Government of India, Central Supervisory Board, State Government, State Supervisory Board for effective implementation of the Act and Rules in the State / District.
11. At least 10% of each of survey, inspection, search & seizure respectively should be done every month from the available total number of registered facilities available under the Act in their jurisdiction by the Sub-District Appropriate Authority concerned in every month, without fail with the help of the Programme Officer in the O/o DM&HO (Member Secretary / Convener of District Level Multi-Member Appropriate Authority) and their supporting staff concerned.

NOTIFICATION -II

In exercise of the powers conferred under sub-section (5) of Section 17 of Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act 1994 and Rules 1996, the Government of Andhra Pradesh

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hereby reconstitute the following District and Sub-District Level Advisory Committees for each Appropriate Authority to aid and advise the Appropriate Authority in the discharge of its functions for purpose of said Act:

1) DISTRICT LEVEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

STRUCTURE:

S.No.	Particulars	Designation as per Act
1	The District Medical & Health Officer	Chairperson / Chairman
2	Three 3 Medical experts from amongst (1)Gynaecologists & Obstetricians, (2) Paediatricians & (3) Medical Geneticists (Preferably those working in the Government)	3 Member (to be nominated by the District Collector)
3	District Public Prosecutor (Legal Expert category)	Member
4	District Public Relations Officers	Member
5	Three eminent social workers whom not less than one shall be from amongst representative of Women organization	Member (to be nominated by the Collector & District Magistrate concerned)
6	The Programme Officer who is dealing with the subject of PC&PNDT Act in the O/o District Medical & Health Officer	Member Secretary / Convener

(B) TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

1. The Committee will meet once in TWO MONTHS and submit the report to the Chairperson / Chairman, District and State Level Multi-Member Appropriate Authority regarding their activities carried out by them and advise action to be initiated against the violators of the provisions of Act and Rules with the help of supporting officers and staff of District Medical & Health Officers concerned. Even though the intervene period of each meeting will be TWO MONTHS; the special meeting may be convened by the Chairperson / Chairman or Member-Secretary / Convener of the Committee will depending upon necessity or by nature of emergency etc.
2. The Term of the Committee is THREE YEARS. The term will be extended for ONE MORE YEAR by the State Supervisory Board / State Government on the basis of proposal submitted by the Chairperson / Chairman, District Level Advisory Committee or Chairperson / Chairman, District Level Multi-Member Appropriate Authority for the Pre Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques Act, 1994.
3. The term of office of a member other than ex-officio member shall be THREE YEARS. It can be extended for a period of ONE MORE YEAR by, Chairperson / Chairman, District Level Multi-Member Appropriate Authority duly submitting proposal to the State Level Multi-Member Appropriate Authority well in advance and retransmission to the State Government / State Supervisory Board.
4. If a vacancy occurs in the office of any member other than ex-officio member it shall be filled by making fresh appointment. Relevant proposal has to be submitted to State Level Multi-Member Appropriate Authority and onward submission to State Supervisory Board /Government

5. In case of ex-officio member membership falls vacant due to any reason such as transfer, promotion, retirement by superannuating or voluntary retirement, retrenchment, and dismissal from service etc., it can be filled automatically by the successor or in charge of such post as the membership is by DESIGNATION ONLY.
6. One-third of the total number of members of the Committee shall constitute the quorum.
7. The Committee may co-opt a member as and when required, provided that the number co-opted member does not exceed one-third of the total strength of the Committee.
8. The co-opted members shall have the same powers and functions as other members, except the right to vote and shall abide by the rules and regulations.
9. In respect of the matter not specified in the above terms and conditions, the Chairperson/ Chairman, District Level Advisory Committee shall follow the procedure and conditions as are applicable to the Committee which are specified by the Pre-Conception & Pre Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act, 1994 and Rules 1996 (including amendments time to time carried out to the Act and Rules by Government of India, as and when circulated to the State and District Level Multi-Member Appropriate Authority or any other statutory body) or Central Supervisory Board or Government of India or State Supervisory Board or State Government etc.

C) <u>FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE</u>:

To advise the District Level Multi-Member Appropriate Authority on the following and submit their report to the District Authority under intimation to the State Authority :

1. On survey, inspection, search & seizure and closure down the institutes etc., under the Act and Rules.
2. On survey, analysis, feed-back of study of low sex ratio areas, high rate MTPs taken place in the districts; and the reasons thereof; the details of institutional deliveries etc.
3. Inspection and monitoring of IEC and activities generated for social awareness being / to be pursued in District for implementation of the Act with help of District Medical & Health Officer of district concerned and their supporting officers and staff.
4. On prosecution launched against un-registered bodies and violators of provisions of the Act and Rules and Orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India or Hon'ble Court or any other competent courts, with the help of the member of the District Level Advisory Committee and legal consultant in the O/o DM&HO.
5. Monitoring of compliances of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India orders or any other competent courts.
6. Any other assignment as prescribed by the Act and Chairperson / Chairman of the Committee.

D) <u>DISQUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT AS MEMBER:</u>

A person shall be disqualified for being appointed as member, if he

1. has convicted and sentenced to imprisonment for an offence which, in the opinion of the Central Government / State Government / State Supervisory Board / State Appropriate Authority, involves moral aptitude; or

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2. Is an un-discharged insolvent; or
3. Is of un-sound mind and stands so declared by a competent court; or
4. Has been removed or dismissed from the service of Government or a Corporation owned or controlled by the Government; or
5. Has, in the opinion of the Central Government / State Government / State Supervisory Board / State Appropriate Authority, such financial or other interest in the Committee as is likely to affect prejudicially the discharge by him of his functions as a member; or
6. Has, in the opinion of the Central Government / State Government / State Supervisory Board / State Appropriate Authority, been associated with the use or promotion of pre natal diagnostic techniques for determination of sex or with any sex selection techniques.

E) <u>ELIGIBILITY OF MEMBER FOR REAPPOINTMENT</u>:

Subject to the other terms and conditions of service as may be prescribed, any person ceasing to be a member shall be eligible for re-appointment as such member, provided that no member other than an ex-officio member shall be appointed for more than THREE CONSECUTIVE TERMS. If the extension of consecutive term of above (THREE) prescribed term of a particular member, by the Chairperson / Chairman, District Level Advisory Committee shall be through the State Level Multi-Member Appropriate Authority and onward transmission to the State Government / State Supervisory Board.

4) <u>SUB-DISTRICT LEVEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE</u> :
A. <u>STRUCTURE</u>:

S.No.	Particulars	Designation as per Act
1	Programme Officer in the O/o DM&HO concerned as per G.O. Rt. No. 740; HM&FW (D1) Dept; Dated 07.07.2001	Chairperson / Chairman
2	Three 3 Medical experts from amongst (1) Gynaecologists & Obstetricians, (2) Paediatricians & (3) Medical Geneticists (Preferably those working in the Government) to be nominated by Collector & District Magistrate on the basis of recommendation of the District Medical & Health Officer concerned	3 Members (to be nominated by the District Collector)
3	Assistant Public Prosecutor Legal Expert category (to be Nominated by the District Judge / Collector & District Magistrate)	Member
4	Divisional Public Relations Officers / Assistant Public Relations Officers to be nominated by the District Public Relations Officer / Collector & District Magistrate	Member
5	Three eminent social workers whom not less than one shall be from amongst representative of Women organization. (to be nominated by the Collector & District Magistrate)	Member
6	The Programme Officer; who is dealing with the subject of Secretary PC&PNDT Act in the *O/o* DM&HO)	Member Secretary / Convener

B. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE COMMITTEE:

1. The Committee will meet once in TWO MONTHS and submit the report to the Chairperson , Chairman, District and State Level Multi-Member Appropriate Authority regarding their activities carried out and action to be initiated against the violators of the provisions of Act and Rules with the help of supporting officers / staff of District Medical & Health Officers concerned. Even though the intervene period of each meeting will be TWO MONTHS; the special meeting may be convened by the Chairperson, Chairman or Member-Secretary/Convener of the Committee will depending upon necessity or by nature of emergency etc.
2. The Term of the Committee is THREE YEARS. The term will be extended for ONE MORE YEAR by the State Supervisory Board / State Government on the basis of proposal submitted by the Chairperson / Chairman, District Level Advisory Committee or Chairperson / Chairman, District Level Multi-Member Appropriate Authority for the Pre Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques Act, 1994;
3. The term of office of a member other than ex-officio member shall be THREE YEARS. It can be extended for a period of ONE MORE YEAR by, Chairperson / Chairman, District Level Multi-Member Appropriate Authority duly submitting proposal to the State Level Mullti-Member Appropriate Authority well in advance and retransmission to the State Government / State Supervisory Board.
4. If a vacancy occurs in the office of any member other than ex-officio member it shall be filled by making fresh appointment. Relevant proposal has to be submitted to State Level Multi-Member Appropriate Authority and onward submission to State Supervisory Board/ Government
5. In case of ex-officio member membership falls vacant due to any reason such as · transfer, promotion, retirement by superannuating or voluntary retirement, retrenchment, and dismissal from service etc., it can be filled automatically by the successor or in charge of such post as the membership is by DESIGNATION ONLY.
6. One-third of the total number of members of the Committee shall constitute the quorum.
7. The Committee may co-opt a member as and when required, provided that the number co-opted member does not exceed one-third of the total strength of the Committee.
8. The co-opted members shall have the same powers and functions as other members, except the right to vote and shall abide by the rules and regulations.
9. In respect of the matter not specified in the above terms and conditions, the Chairperson/Chairman, District Level Advisory Committee shall follow the procedure and conditions as are applicable to the Committee which are specified by the Pre-Conception & Pre Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act, 1994 and Rules 1996 (including amendments time to time carried out to the Act and Rules by Government of India, as and when circulated to the State and District Level Multi-Member Appropriate Authority or any other statutory body) or Central Supervisory Board or Government of India or State Supervisory Board or State Government etc.

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C) <u>FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE</u>:

To advise the Sub-District and District Level Multi-Member Appropriate Authority on the following and submit report of their activities carried out by the Committee under intimation to the State Authority:

1. On survey, inspection, search & seizure and closure down the institutes etc., under the Act and Rules in their jurisdiction.
2. On survey, analysis, feed-back of study of low sex ratio areas, high rate MTPs taken place in the districts; and the reasons thereof; the details of institutional deliveries etc. in their jurisdiction.
3. Inspection and monitoring of IEC and activities generated for social awareness being / to be pursued in District for implementation of the Act with help of District Medical & Health Officer or Sub-District Appropriate Authority / SPHO etc., of district concerned and their supporting officers and staff.
4. On prosecution launched against un-registered bodies and violators of provisions of the Act and Rules and Orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India or Hon'ble Court or any other competent courts, with the help of the member of the Sub-District Level Advisory Committee and legal consultant in the O/o DM&HO.
5. Monitoring of compliances of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India orders or any other competent courts.
6. Any other assignment as prescribed by the Act and Chairperson / Chairman of the Committee.

D) <u>DISQUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT AS MEMBER</u>:

A person shall be disqualified for being appointed as member, if he

1. Has convicted and sentenced to imprisonment for an offence which, in the opinion of the Central Government/ State Government/ State Supervisory Board/State Appropriate Authority, involves moral turpitude; or
2. Is an un-discharged insolvent; or
3. Is of un-sound mind and stands so declared by a competent court; or
4. Has been removed or dismissed from the service of Government or a Corporation owned or controlled by the Government; or
5. Has, in the opinion of the Central Government / State Government / State Supervisory Board / State Appropriate Authority, such financial or other interest in the Committee as is likely to affect prejudicially the discharge by him of his functions as a member; or
6. Has, in the opinion of the Central Government / State Government / State Supervisory Board / State Appropriate Authority, been associated with the use or promotion of pre natal diagnostic techniques for determination of sex or with any sex selection techniques.

E) <u>ELIGIBILITY OF MEMBER FOR REAPPOINTMENT</u>:

Subject to the other terms and conditions of service as may be prescribed, any person ceasing to be a member shall be eligible for re-appointment as such member, provided that no member other than an ex-officio member shall be appointed for more than THREE CONSECUTIVE TERMS. If the extension of consecutive term of above (THREE) prescribed

term of a particular member, by the Chairperson / Chairman, District Level Advisory Committee shall be through the State Level Multi-Member Appropriate Authority and onward transmission to the State Government / State Supervisory Board.

ANIL KUMAR SINGHAL
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Commissioner of Printing & Stationery and Stores Purchase, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Chairperson/ Chairman State Appropriate for PC&PNDT Act and Commissioner of Health & Family Welfare, A.P., Mangalagiri.
All the members , District and Sub District Level appropriate Authorities and Advisory Committees through Commissioner of Health & Family Welfare, A.P.,Mangalagiri, Guntur.
All Collectors & District Magistrates/ All Joint Collectors (V,WS & Development) in the State.
All Revenue Divisional Officers in the State.
All the District Medical & Health Officers.
Copy to:
The Secretary to Government (Legal Affairs & Justice) Law Department, A.P., Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The Principal Secretary to Government, Home Department, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The Principal Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, A.P., Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The Director of Medical Education, A.P, Vijayawada.
The Director of Public Health and family Welfare, A.P, Vijayawada.
The Commissioner, A.P. Vaidhya Vidhana Parishad, Vijayawada.
Copy to:
The P.S. to Principal Secretary to Government, HM&FW Department.
The Joint Secretary to Govt. of India, MoH&FW., Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi
The Commissioner, Information and Public Relations, A.P., Vijayawada.
The P.S. to Dy. CM (HFW&ME)
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